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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. HEALTH AGREEMENT PRINCIPALS ARE COOPER AND VENEDIKTOV. JOINT COMMITTEE HAS NEVER BEEN AT THE MATHEWS-PETROVSKY LEVEL. VENEDIKTOV HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN. DR. ROGER EGEBERG WAS ORIGINAL US CO-CHAIRMAN AS CONSULTANT TO THE PRESIDENT ON HEALTH AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY OF HEW ON HEALTH POLICY. EGEBERG REMAINED CO-CHAIRMAN THROUGH THE THIRD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. FOLLOWING A DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION OF HEW, DR. THEODORE COOPER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, BECAME US CO-CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO THE FOURTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. WE THOUGHT YOUR 12374 ON GENETIC ENGINEERING AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF SCIENCE REPORTING.

3. RL IS PLANNING A PROGRAM REVIEW FOR AUGUST 30-31 AND SEPT 1. JACK ARMITAGE PLANS TO GO FROM HERE AND THINKS CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SOMEONE FROM MOSCOW TO ATTEND.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, AND WHO?

4. WE HEAR THAT THE SIMONS ASSIGNMENT TO BUCHAREST IS MOVING AHEAD, THOUGH WE GATHER ROMANIA TRAINING HERE IS INEVITABLE. PERSONNEL WILL WORK ON CHARLIE MAGEE, AND AGAIN THE PROSPECTS ARE REPORTEDLY GOOD.

5. YOU HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING ALL THE MOST RECENT TRAFFIC ABOUT THE BRAZINSKAS; THE DEPARTMENT HAS A REPORT THAT THEY LEFT ITALY EN ROUTE FOR VENEZUELA, BUT TO DATE THERE ARE NO REPORTS CONFIRMING THEIR ARRIVAL THERE. HABIB

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